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**PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT**

SIR:

Kindly amend the above-identified application before examination and calculation of the filing fee as follows:

**IN THE TITLE:**

Please replace the originally-filed Title with the new Title as follows:

--FRACTURE PREDICTION DEVICE FOR SPOT WELDED PORTION, METHOD OF THE SAME, SOFTWARE ARRANGEMENT, AND COMPUTER-ACCESSIBLE MEDIUM--.